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Classified By: Ambassador Patricia L. Herbold for Reasons 1.4 (b/d)

11. (C/NF) The Ambassador took advantage of an opportunity on the margins of a separate meeting on February 21 to deliver to MFA Permanent Secretary Peter Ho the notification on U.S. satellite engagement contained in para 4 of reftel. Ho expressed appreciation for the information and asked if the United States had been sending a signal to China. The Ambassador used reftel language to make clear that the U.S. objective was to rupture the fuel tank to dissipate the approximately 1,000 pounds of hydrazine, a hazardous fuel which could pose a danger to people on earth, before it entered the earth's atmosphere.

12. (U) Post separately provided a written copy of the notification in reftel para 4 to MFA North America Division Director Ng Teck Hean on February 21.

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